

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner completely consider the information cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and corresponding form PTO-1449 submitted on October 30, 2001, and provide an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 to the Applicant.

35 U.S.C. § 102 rejections

Claims 31-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication 2005/0216443A1.

Claims 31-38 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, the rejection is moot.

35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections

Claims 23-25 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,604,090 (Tackett) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,265,014 (Haddock) in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,125,342 (Selesky).

Claims 23-25 and 41 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, the rejection is moot.

Claims 27-30 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tackett in view of Haddock in further view of Selesky and in further view of Lappin (“An Algorithm for Pronominal Anaphora Resolution”).

Claims 27-30 and 35 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, the rejection is moot.

Comments on statement of reasons for allowance

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-25 and 27-41. Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowance dated February 27, 2006. Applicant asserts that the claims contain one or more features mentioned or not mentioned by the Examiner that independently, or when combined, establish the patentability of one or more of the claims.

Applicant reserves the right to introduce, articulate, or otherwise present any such reasons for allowance as may be appropriate concerning the claims.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's representative would help expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 542-6000.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-0311, Reference No. 23484-016.

Respectfully submitted,


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